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SUMMARY. COMMITTEE I HAS MADE PROGRESS IN RESOLVING THE MANNER IN WHICH IT WILL HANDLE ITS WORK. END SUMMARY

1. COMMITTEE I CHAIRMAN PAUL ENGO'S (CAMEROON) EFFORTS AT AN INFORMAL COMPROMISE ON PROCEDURES WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL, AND THE COMMITTEE DEVOTED ITS FIRST FORMAL SESSION ON THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 4 TO DEBATING THESE QUESTIONS. PERU REP (DE SOTO) SUPPORTED ELOQUENTLY BY ALGERIA REP (ALLOUANE) PUT FORWARD THE GROUP OF 77 POSITION:

A. SINCE THE RSNT IS NOT BASED ON NEGOTIATIONS AT THE LAST SESSIONS, ALL OF ITS ARTICLES ARE OPEN FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

B. ALL ISSUES ARE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE BUT PRIORITY ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN TO THE SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION -- ARTICLE XXII -- AND TO THE STATUS OF THE AREA AND ITS ADMINISTRATION.

C. ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS SHOULD BE PLENARY AND ON THE RECORD SO THAT ALL STATES MAY PARTICIPATE AND SO THAT THERE IS A FORMAL HISTORY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

D. THERE SHOULD BE NO "PROCEDURAL SUBTERFUGES", SUCH AS WERE RESORTED TO BY SOME COUNTRIES AT THE LAST SESSION (A REFERENCE TO THE SECRET BRAZIL GROUP). THE G-77 POSITION WAS SUPPORTED BY A NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES AND BY THE PRC AND IRAN. A PARTICULARLY WORRISOME INTERVENTION WAS MADE BY TANZANIA REP (WARIOBI) WHO SAID THAT THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ON THE RECORD SO THAT THE "MAJORITY VIEW" WOULD BE DOCUMENTED WHEN QUESTIONS OF INTERPRETATION OF THE FINAL TEXT AROSE.

2. THE NETHERLANDS REP (SONDAAL), SPEAKING FOR THE EC, AND FRENCH REP (MARTIN-SANE) PUT FORWARD THE POSITION OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED STATES:

A. THE PROGRESS REFLECTED IN THE RSNT SHOULD BE BUILT UPON IN THIS SESSION.

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B. THE FOCUS OF DISCUSSION SHOULD BE ON THE ISSUES THAT WERE NOT NEGOTIATED AT THE LAST SESSION, I.E., THE COMPOSITION AND VOTING IN THE COUNCIL, THE STATUTES OF THE ENTERPRISE AND TRIBUNAL, AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

C. THE PATTERN OF INFORMAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS ESTABLISHED AT THE LAST SESSION SHOULD CONTINUE, AND ON THE RECORD DEBATES SHOULD BE AVOIDED BECAUSE THEY ARE UN-

PRODUCTIVE. THE GDR REP (WUENSCHKE) AND UNITED STATES REP (RATINER) AND THE SOVIET UNION INTERVENED IN SUPPORT OF THIS APPROACH.

3. CHAIRMAN ENGO CALLED A 90 MINUTE RECESS TO ALLOW INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON COMPROMISE ON PROCEDURES. THES DISCUSSIONS, HOWEVER, WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL AND ENGO DECIDED TO LEAVE OPEN THE MORNING OF AUGUST 5 FOR FURTHER INFORMAL EXCHANGES.

4. COMMITTEE MET AGAIN ON AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 5. GDR REP (WUENSCHKE), VICE CHAIRMAN OF C-I)) ANNOUNCED COMPRO-MISE ON PROCEDURES WORKED OUT EARLIER IN DAY:

A. ONE WORKING GROUP OPEN TO ALL WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

B. TWO CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE GROUP WILL BE SELECTED BY THE COMMITTEE. THEY WILL HAVE JOINT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WORK OF THE GROUP.

C. THE WORKING GROUP WILL HOLD ITS SESSIONS INFORMALLY. THE CO-CHAIRMEN WILL SUBMIT TO THE COMMITTEE AT REGULAR INTERVALS A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE COMMITTEE RECORD. THE REPORT, HOWEVER, WILL BE CIRCULATED TO ALL DELEGATIONS BEFORE THE MEETING, AND ALL DELEGATIONS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON IT.

D. THE MANDATE TO THE WORKING GROUP IS TO NEGOTIATE ON ANY MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF COMMITTEE I. THE WORKING GROUP WILL DETERMINE THE MANNER IN WHICH IT WILL ORGANIZE ITS DISCUSSIONS.

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5. THE COMMITTEE ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL, AND ENGO RECESSED THE MEETING IN ORDER FOR DELEGATIONS TO CONSULT INFORMALLY ON WHO SHOULD CO-CHAIR THE WORKING GROUP. ALTHOUGH IT HAD BEEN INFORMALLY AGREED BETWEEN A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS BEFORE THE MEETING THAT PINTO (SRI LANKA) AND VINDENES (NORWAY) WOULD BE SELECTED, THE ARAB GROUP AND MEXICO OBJECTED TO PINTO AND PUSHED IN HIS PLACE JAGOTA (INDIA). THE WESTERN EUROPEANS AND US REJECTED JAGOTA, AND THE ISSUE AGAIN ENDED IN A STALEMATE AND WAS PUT OVER TO AUGUST 6.

6. EFFORTS OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ON AUGUST 6 TO STAVE OFF SELECTION OF JAGOTA, WHO HAS BECOME EXTREMIST LEADER IN G-77 ON C-I MATTERS, WERE UNSUCCESSFUL, PARTICULARLY AFTER FRENCH DEL DROPPED ITS OPPOSITION TO

JAGOTA IN RETURN FOR ACCEPTANCE OF EC CHAIRMAN  
(NETHERLANDS, SONDAAL) AS SECOND CO-CHAIRMAN OF WORKING  
GROUP. FIRST MEETING OF INFORMAL WORKING GROUP WILL BE  
HELD MORNING AUGUST 9 AT WHICH TIME JAGOTA AND SONDAAL  
WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS CO-CHAIRMEN AND WORKING GROUP WILL  
DEBATE ORGANIZATION OF WORK. US DEL BELIEVES ALMOST  
INEVITABLE THAT FIRST SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WILL BE  
SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION, ALTHOUGH QUESTION OF ASSEMBLY  
AND COUNCIL MAY POSSIBLY BE SCHEDULED FIRST, SINCE THIS  
IS ONLY SUBJECT ON WHICH G-77 HAS REACHED CONSENSUS  
POSITION. US AND OUR INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY ALLIES  
WILL OF COURSE CONTINUE TO TRY TO FOCUS DISCUSSION ON  
THE YET TO BE NEGOTIATED PORTIONS OF THE RSNT.

7. COMMENT: THIS "PROCEDURAL" DEBATE OF COURSE IS A  
SHADOW DEBATE ON SUBSTANCE AND REFLECTS THE FUNDAMENTAL  
SUBSTANTIVE DIVISION THAT EXISTS IN COMMITTEE I BETWEEN  
THE LDCS AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED STATES. THE RADICALS  
WHO THUS FAR ARE SPEAKING FOR THE GROUP OF 77 ARE STRONGLY  
DISSATISFIED NOT ONLY WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE RSNT, BUT  
ALSO WITH THE MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS PRODUCED. IT IS  
INEVITABLE THAT THIS BOTTLED UP DISSATISFACTION BE  
EXPRESSED IN THE COMMITTEE, AND WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE  
BUT TO LET THIS PROCESS RUN ITS COURSE.

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